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**Amendments to the Abstract**

Please replace the abstract with the replacement abstract attached as **Exhibit A**.

**NOVEL ANTIMICROBIAL ACTIVITY OF GEMFIBROZIL**

**Abstract of the Disclosure**

5 The present invention provides methods for inhibiting  
growth of a bacterium which consists essentially of  
contacting the bacterium with gemfibrozil, or a related  
compound, in a concentration effective to inhibit growth of  
the bacterium. This invention also provides related  
10 screening and therapeutic methods.